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I believe I am the original first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled <u>METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING</u>
<u>MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS TO DESIRED LOCATIONS IN A PATIENT'S BODY</u> the specification of which (check one)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Priority Not Claimed Prior Foreign Application(s) [] (Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed) I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below. (Application Number) (Filing Date) Libereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or §365© of any PCT International application designating the thited States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT demational application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application. (Filing Date) (Application Number) (Status -patented, pending, abandoned) hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office Donald E. Stout, Reg. No. 34,493; Frank J. Uxa, Reg. No. 25,612; Kenton R. Mullins, Reg. No. 36,331; connected therewith: D. Jennings Meincke, Reg. No. 36,606: Philip H. Haymond, Reg. 38,177 Donald E. Stout at telephone number (949) 450-1750 Address all telephone calls to Address all correspondence to Donald E. Stout Peterson, Uxa & Stout 100 Pacifica, Suite 210 Irvine, CA 92618 Irvine, CA 92618
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